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I am against this settlement. It will not do enough to curb Microsoft's illegal practices.

In my opinion there is no doubt that Microsoft has a monopouly on desktop OS'es, and no doubt that they have used it to gain illegal advantage over competitors, at the ultimate expense of consumers. They have lied and misled under oath to retain this unfair advantage, and the outcome of their trial was just. This settlement is far too lenient.

At the very least, the language in Section III(J)(2) should be modified to not have a negative effect on free software initiatives - some of the major remaining competitors to Microsoft's hegemony, and with obvious advantages for consumers. But really you should seek a more aggressive solution that will not be as open to interpretation as this one, such as breaking Microsoft up.